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Applicant: Desgroseillers *et al.*
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Official Action mailed on May 16, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application, and in accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on August 16, 2003, with a two-month (2) extension of time.

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction of the above-identified application to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. 121:

Group I: Claims 4-8 and 24-29, drawn to a human or mouse Staufen nucleic acid sequence, vector comprising the same and host cell comprising the vector, classified in class 435, subclass 325.

Group II: Claims 4-8 drawn to a *C. elegans* nucleic acid that encodes a Staufen protein, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.